

## INSURANCE CASES WITH COURT NOW

Justice Brown Announces He  
Will Render Decision Ten  
Days Hence.

ARGUMENT NOT FINISHED  
UNTIL LATE LAST NIGHT

Mr. Batchelor Closes For Defense  
In Three and Half Hours, and Cap-  
tain Berkeley Speaks Four Hours in  
Closing for the Commonwealth—Ac-  
cused Leave For Homes.

After sitting for ten days—bearing  
evidence for eight days and listening  
to argument by counsel for two days—  
Justice Brown now has the insurance  
cause under advisement. He will render his decision Wednes-  
day morning, June 29, and all of the  
twenty-three members and officers of  
the Southeastern Underwriters' As-  
sociation who are charged with unlaw-  
fully conspiring to fix and control  
rates for insurance in Newport News,  
have departed for their homes, their  
bonds having been continued for their  
re-appearance on the 29th.

The hearing of this case which the  
people of Newport News are so great-  
ly interested came to a close last  
night a few minutes after 10 o'clock,  
with counsel and court thoroughly  
worn out. Commonwealth's Attorney  
Berkeley was so unwell when court  
reopened for the night session that,  
with the court's permission, he re-  
maind seated while delivering the  
greater part of his closing argument.

Mr. Lett, who began speaking Friday  
evening, concluded yesterday morning  
and was followed by Mr. Batchelor,  
who spoke for three hours and a half,  
closing for the defense. Captain  
Berkeley spoke two hours in the af-  
ternoon and two hours last night,  
closing for the Commonwealth.

Mr. Lett Resumes Argument.  
When Justice Brown convened court  
promptly at 10 o'clock yesterday morn-  
ing, Attorney R. M. Lett resumed his  
argument. Mr. Lett began by read-  
ing from Bishop on the common law  
as applying to monopolies. Mr. Bishop  
says that there is no lack of common  
law to control monopolies, but that  
it is the non-execution of the exist-  
ing laws that allows the monopolies  
to run unchecked for the "public are  
ever disposed to allow themselves to  
be cheated."

Mr. Lett declared that the State  
has not contented that labor unions  
cannot exist. Labor unions can exist,  
but they cannot conspire to injure  
the business of a person. Combina-  
tions that control trade and increase  
prices of public necessities are  
against the law, he said. The injury  
to the public is the controlling fac-  
tor. It is a criminal offense if a per-  
son control the prime necessities of  
life, be that person benevolent or  
otherwise.

Reading from Beach on conspira-  
cies, Mr. Lett showed that this  
author holds that combinations of  
persons to control prices is illegal.  
The gist of the offense in this case  
is the conspiracy to control prices.  
The speaker declared that the con-  
tentment of the Commonwealth as laid  
down is that the line of cleavage in  
Virginia is the line set down in the  
Crump and Everett Waddy cases in  
the Virginia Supreme Court and not  
the lines laid down in the Kentucky  
insurance case cited by the defense  
Friday afternoon.

Mr. Lett read from the Crump case,  
which was a case of alleged "boycott"  
in Richmond. This case sets forth  
that a conspiracy to injure a person  
is indictable and that the law of Lord  
Mansfield's time is good law today.  
The execution of the matter may be  
indifferent, continued Mr. Lett, but  
the conspiracy is illegal and criminal.  
If the combination has a tendency to  
oppress the public and hurt individ-  
uals by raising rates it is illegal.

Line of Demarcation Clear.  
Reading from the Kentucky case,  
Mr. Lett quoted the judge who ren-  
dered the decision for the court in  
that case: "We conclude that by the  
common law of Kentucky it is not an  
indictable offense to combine to con-  
trol rates of fire insurance." Justice  
Brown asked if there was the same

common law in Kentucky as in Vir-  
ginia, and Captain Berkeley replied  
that it was not the same and he re-  
ferred the court and the defense to  
certain statutes. Mr. Lett said he  
didn't care whether the same com-  
mon law applied in both states or not.  
The Virginia cases have decided these  
points, declared the speaker. In the  
Crump case, the Everett, Waddy case  
and in the case of the two justices  
who conspired together to put a man  
in office. Besides these Virginia cases,  
he said that the Buchanan case and  
other cases have decided the same  
point. "All we desire on the one hand  
is the Crump case and Everett Wad-  
day case as a line of demarcation,"  
continued Mr. Lett. "The line is  
clearly drawn by Bishop and Whar-  
ton."

"Now my friends say that the in-  
surance association was invited back  
after an absence from the State of  
four years. They were kicked over  
the fence in Virginia and remained on  
the outskirts for four years, but some-  
how they have thrown their provi-  
sions over the fence just as steadily  
while they were on the outside. It is  
a well defined principle that where  
statutes are appealed the common law  
rises again."

Coerce Municipality.  
Turning his attention directly to  
the association, Mr. Lett declared  
that they blacklist companies that  
won't abide by their rates and refuse  
to give those companies any reinsur-  
ance. "They say to the outside com-  
panies that if you won't use our rates  
we won't re-insure for you. They say  
to the agents if you don't use our  
rates we won't allow you to handle  
the board companies. They have an  
understanding with the agents that  
not more than fifteen percent com-  
mission is to be received by the  
agents in violation of the statute of  
Virginia, which prohibits them from  
making any agreement about com-  
missions with the agents. They will  
coerce the municipality to levy what  
taxes they desire and not what taxes  
the municipality desires. I say they  
combine against the city, combine  
against the non-board companies, com-  
bine against the agents and combine  
against the people."

"Insurance is an absolute necessity,  
Mr. Lett said on the stand there and  
told you how the insurance of the poor  
people of this city are mortgaged and  
how those people who are trying to  
pay for their homes must carry fire  
insurance to protect the mortgage. We  
say that this combination works  
by coercion in all four branches—it  
is an agreement to maintain a  
monopoly of a necessity; it uses  
means amounting to a boycott and  
blacklists to carry out its end; it has  
an evil purpose and does thing prej-  
udicial to public policy and the promul-  
gation of the pink slip shows malice  
and evil intent. Had they imposed a 2 1/2  
percent increase on our city that might  
have been alright and might have  
shown no malice. But the ten percent  
increase shows malice and let Mr.  
Batchelor do all the figuring he can,  
he will not be able to explain or figure  
their increase of profits away."

Sought to Penalize City.  
"I say that the purpose was evil.  
They were not seeking to protect  
themselves, but to penalize the city of  
Newport News. When Eddie Ford  
told Mr. Harris that he hoped the  
association would not penalize the  
city, Mr. Harris made no reply, but  
went back to Richmond and sent this  
slip, No. 145. They tell you that  
there'll be a ten percent decrease in  
premiums collected this year. Why?  
Because its oppressive—because its  
injurious—because its against public  
policy. These men knew when they  
imposed that penalty that the poor  
man would have to pay it. My idea  
of the men in this insurance associa-  
tion is that they have been so ac-  
customed to getting the last penny  
out of the people's pockets that they  
do it with a smile."

In concluding, Mr. Lett said that  
when this association combined to  
control rates it acted illegally—that  
the associations acts by coercion and  
that it is illegal and that it is against  
public policy and acts with malice.  
Mr. Batchelor Sarcastic.  
In opening the closing argument  
for the defense, Mr. Batchelor said  
that the Prophet Joel, who is spoken  
of in the Bible, said that "young men  
see visions and old men dream  
dreams." "Our young friend Stuart  
has been dreaming dreams and our  
old friend Lett (I use the term old in  
order to complete the comparison) is  
dreaming dreams. Our young friend  
Berkeley is seeing snakes, not from  
the usual cause attendant upon the  
seeing of snakes, but he sees them  
nevertheless. They are crawling in the  
jury box. We don't see them."

"This whole prosecution was the  
outgrowth of a hasty determination  
that seized the public when conserva-  
tism lost control, passion ran rampant  
and reason was dethroned. The com-  
munity has cooled down. Our friends  
have not cooled down yet because  
they are in the heat of the fray.  
Fortunately my friend Road and my-  
self were busy with other things  
and did not attend the indignation  
meetings where public sentiment was  
so wrought up about this matter."

Care Has Grown Serious.  
Mr. Batchelor declared that this  
case has its serious side and Justice  
Brown remarked that a thing which  
might be funny in its younger days  
became serious as it became older  
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Kept The King At Home.  
"For the past year we have kept  
the King of all laxatives—Dr. King's  
New Life Pills—in our home and  
they have proved a blessing to all our  
family," writes Paul Mathulka, of  
Buffalo, N. Y. Easy, but sure remedy  
for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney  
troubles. Only 25c at All Drug  
stores.

Buckroe Beach  
Sunday afternoon. Selections by J.  
D. Jones, tenor soloist. 19.  
Go with the Juniors on their Moon-  
light Excursion Tuesday, June 21st.  
19.  
W. E. House—Funeral Director.

## BAPTISTS PREPARE FOR ENCAMPMENT

Distinguished People to Partic-  
ipate in Great Gathering at  
Virginia Beach.

PROGRAMS ARRANGED  
FOR EACH OF NINE DAYS

Subjects of Interest to be Discussed  
by Men and Women of National  
Prominence—Newport News  
Churches Will Send Large Dele-  
gations.

Newport News will send a large  
delegation to the third annual Vir-  
ginia Baptist encampment, which be-  
gins at Virginia Beach Tuesday. The  
encampment will continue for ten  
days, closing on Thursday, June 30,  
and hundreds of Baptists from all sec-  
tions of the State are expected to at-  
tend.

The first Baptist encampment of  
the State was held at Buckroe Beach  
and proved a complete success. Those  
in charge of the arrangements for the  
meeting this year say that this en-  
campment will be by far the best yet  
held. An unusually good program has  
been prepared and besides enjoying all  
the pleasures to be found at the  
famous ocean resort, those in at-  
tendance will hear many interesting  
and instructive addresses by promi-  
nent preachers from this and other  
states.

Tidewater Virginia Baptists will be  
well represented at the encampment  
and the upstate Baptists will go to  
the beach in large numbers to com-  
bine the pleasures of ten days at the  
seaside with the enjoyment of the  
addresses by some of the foremost di-  
vines of America.

Following is the complete program  
for the encampment:

Tuesday, June 21.  
7:00 p. m.—Sunset Service, Rev.  
Sparks W. Melton, D. D.  
8:00 p. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
8:30 p. m.—"The Annals of the  
Dance," Rev. J. J. Taylor, D. D.

Wednesday, June 22.  
9:00 a. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
9:15 a. m.—"The Mission of the  
Teacher," Mrs. A. L. Williams.  
10:00 a. m.—"An Ideal Sunday  
School," C. E. Crossland.

10:45 a. m.—"The B. Y. P. U.—its  
Function," Rev. Thomas J. Watts.  
11:30 a. m.—"The Mind of the Mas-  
ter," Rev. J. J. Taylor, D. D.  
12:15 p. m.—Sermon, Rev. Len G.  
Broughton, D. D.

AFTERNOON RECREATION  
5:30 p. m.—Conference of Pastors.  
7:00 p. m.—Sunset Service, Rev.  
Ryland Knight, D. D.  
8:00 p. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
8:30 p. m.—"Down in the Dumps,"  
Rev. Len G. Broughton, D. D.

Thursday, June 23.  
9:00 a. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
9:15 a. m.—"Equipment—Organiza-  
tion—Grading and Meth-  
ods," Miss A. L. Williams.  
10:00 a. m.—"Our Curriculum and  
Method," Mr. C. E. Cross-  
land.

10:45 a. m.—"The B. Y. P. U.—its  
Motto," Rev. Thomas J. Watts.  
11:30 a. m.—"The Method of the Mas-  
ter," Rev. J. J. Taylor, D. D.  
12:15 p. m.—Sermon, Rev. Len G.  
Broughton, D. D.

AFTERNOON RECREATION  
5:30 p. m.—Conference of Superin-  
tendents and other Officers.  
7:00 p. m.—Sunset Service, Rev.  
Geo. W. McDaniel, D. D.  
8:00 p. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
8:30 p. m.—"Twentieth Century  
Church," Rev. Len G.  
Broughton, D. D.

Friday, June 24.  
9:00 a. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
9:15 a. m.—"Lesson Construction No.  
1," Miss A. L. Williams.  
10:00 a. m.—"The Worker's Profes-  
sional Equipment," C. E.  
Crossland.  
10:45 a. m.—"The B. Y. P. U.—its  
Methods," Rev. Thomas J. Watts.

11:30 a. m.—"Some Servants of the  
Master," Rev. J. J. Taylor,  
D. D.  
12:15 p. m.—"The Output of the B.  
Y. P. U.," Rev. George  
Green.

AFTERNOON RECREATION  
5:30 p. m.—Conference of Element-  
ary Workers.  
7:00 p. m.—Sunset Service, Rev. W.  
L. Hall.  
8:00 p. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
8:30 p. m.—"The Destiny of a Lost  
Sib," Rev. John Roach  
Straton, D. D.

Saturday, June 25.  
9:00 a. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
9:15 a. m.—"Lesson Construction No.  
2," Miss A. L. Williams.  
10:00 a. m.—"The Farsighted Sunday  
School," C. E. Crossland.  
10:45 a. m.—"The Superintendent's  
Opportunity," N. B. Brough-  
ton.  
11:30 a. m.—"The B. Y. P. U.—its

Norm," Rev. Thomas J.  
Watts.  
12:15 p. m.—"The Divided Kingdom,"  
Rev. W. J. McGlothlin, D.  
D.

AFTERNOON RECREATION  
5:30 p. m.—Conference of Element-  
ary Workers.  
7:00 p. m.—Sunset Service, Rev. E.  
L. Grace.  
8:00 p. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
8:30 p. m.—"Tenting Among the  
Holy Hills," Rev. W. C.  
Taylor, D. D.

Sunday, June 26.  
9:30 a. m.—Sunday school.  
10: a. m.—"The Possibilities of the  
Sunday School," N. B.  
Broughton.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon, Rev. W. J. Mc-  
Glothlin, D. D.  
4:00 p. m.—Missionary Mass Meet-  
ing. Speakers, J. T. Hen-  
derson, W. W. Hamilton.  
7:00 p. m.—Model B. Y. P. U. Ses-  
sion, Led by E. D. Foster.  
8:00 p. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
8:30 p. m.—Sermon, Rev. B. D. Gray,  
D. D.

Monday, June 27.  
9:00 a. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
9:15 a. m.—"The Child in Our  
Midst," Mrs. A. L. Wil-  
liams.

10:00 a. m.—"Building Up the Sunday  
School," Mr. Arthur Flake.  
10:45 a. m.—"Christian Stewardship,"  
J. T. Henderson.  
11:30 a. m.—"The Battle of the S. S.  
for the Children," Prof. E.  
L. Middleton.

12:15 p. m.—"The Early Prophets,"  
Rev. W. J. McGlothlin, D.  
D.

AFTERNOON RECREATION.  
5:30 p. m.—Conference of Interned-  
iate and Advanced Work-  
ers.  
7:00 p. m.—Sunset Service, Rev. L.  
T. Williams, D. D.

8:00 p. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
8:30 p. m.—"The South in Song and  
Story," Rev. John Roach  
Straton, D. D.

Tuesday, June 28.  
9:00 a. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
9:15 a. m.—"The Beginners Period,"  
Miss A. L. Williams.  
10:00 a. m.—"Grading the School,"  
Arthur Flake.

10:45 a. m.—"Home Missions," Rev.  
B. D. Gray, D. D.  
11:30 a. m.—"The Country Sunday  
School—its Field and Op-  
portunity," Prof. E. L. Mid-  
dleton.

12:15 p. m.—"Judah Alone," Rev. W.  
J. McGlothlin, D. D.  
AFTERNOON RECREATION.  
5:30 p. m.—Conference on Home De-  
partment and Cradle Roll.  
7:00 p. m.—Sunset Service, Rev. E.  
Pendleton Jones, D. D.

8:00 p. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
8:30 p. m.—"The Ups and Downs of  
Life," Rev. H. M. Wharton,  
D. D.

Wednesday, June 29.  
9:00 a. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
9:15 a. m.—"The Primary Period,"  
Miss A. L. Williams.  
10:00 a. m.—"Organizing the School,"  
Mr. Arthur Flake.

10:45 a. m.—"Missions in Argentina,"  
Rev. J. L. Hart.  
11:30 a. m.—"Pastoral Leadership in  
the S. S.," Rev. T. Clagett  
Skinner, D. D.

12:15 p. m.—"Captivity in a Strange  
Land," Rev. W. J. McGloth-  
lin, D. D.

AFTERNOON RECREATION.  
5:30 p. m.—Conference of B. Y. P.  
U. Workers.  
7:00 p. m.—Sunset Service, Rev. T.  
Clagett Skinner, D. D.

8:00 p. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
8:30 p. m.—"On Horse Back in the  
Holy Land," Rev. H. M.  
Wharton, D. D.

Thursday, June 30.  
9:00 a. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
9:15 a. m.—"The Junior Period,"  
Miss A. L. Williams.  
10:00 a. m.—"Organizing the Classics,"  
President F. W. Boatwright.  
11:30 a. m.—"Religion in Education,"  
President W. L. Potat.

12:15 p. m.—"A New Beginning,"  
Rev. W. J. McGlothlin, D. D.  
AFTERNOON RECREATION.  
5:30 p. m.—Conference of Adult  
Bible Class Workers.  
7:00 p. m.—Sunset Service, Rev. W.  
W. Hamilton, D. D.

8:00 p. m.—Praise and Prayer.  
8:30 p. m.—"The Biological Revolu-  
tion," President W. L. Po-  
tat.

9:30 p. m.—Closing Exercises of the  
Encampment.  
Note—The 5:30 conferences will be  
under the direction of Sunday School  
Secretary Joseph T. Watts.

SOCIAL-PERSONAL.  
Miss Anna Manville is visiting rela-  
tives in Scranton, Pa.

Miss Frances Broadbent will leave  
today for her home in Bowling Green,  
Va., to spend the summer holidays.

Miss Ida Hassell left yesterday for  
Norfolk, where she will spend a week  
with friends and relatives.

Miss Hazel Weaver, who has been  
visiting relatives in Lancaster, Pa.,  
has returned home. Her grandfather  
accompanied her home and will spend  
the summer here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gubling, of  
Camden, N. J., who have been visiting  
friends and relatives in this city, have  
returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Jones re-  
turned yesterday from their wedding  
trip to Lynchburg, Roanoke and

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Richmond. They are at home to  
their friends at the Warwick hotel.

Mrs. A. C. Sheaff is visiting her  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Craw-  
ford, in Roanoke.

Miss Rena Nachman is visiting rela-  
tives in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fitzsimmons, of  
Mansfield, Ohio, who were called  
here by the death of Mr. Fitzsimmons'  
father, have returned to their home.

Mrs. D. R. McNeil and daughter,  
Miss Virginia, of Baltimore, visited  
friends in this city last week.

Miss Mary P. Farthing is the guest  
of Miss Elizabeth Curtis, 115 Thirty-  
fourth street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Braxton, on the  
Boulevard, have as their guest, Mrs.  
W. C. Marshall, of Staunton.

Rev. Thomas C. Darst has returned  
from Alexandria, Va., where he at-  
tended the commencement exercise of  
the Virginia Episcopal Theological  
Seminary.

Mrs. J. T. Walkley, of Norfolk, is  
spending a week with her parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. A. B. Cox, in East End.

The Misses Davis, on Twenty-  
eighth street, have as their guest,  
their cousin, Miss Grace Davis, of  
Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grubbs, of  
Camden, N. J., are the guests of Mrs.  
Grubbs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evans,  
228 Twenty-ninth street.

Miss Mary Thomas, who has been  
visiting her sister, Mrs. M. C. Vin-  
ton, on Huntington Avenue, has re-  
turned to her home in Norfolk.

Miss Minta Greene, who has been  
visiting relatives in Lynchburg, has  
returned home.

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Best six cord Sewing Cotton, for  
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in warm water and ironed when  
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A featherweight shield that will  
meet the requirements of 999  
women out of 1,000; offers abso-  
lute protection from perspiration.  
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The Brush that holds its bristles,  
put up in sealed boxes.

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Made to clean and keep clean—  
the Brush with the clean face.

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